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January 6, 2006

In reply refer to: DK-7

Ms. Grace Gilmore
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RE: FOIA Request #06-011

Dear Ms. Gilmore:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 2005, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. In your letter, you requested a copy of the cost or investment in the 500 kv transmission line systems in Montana. Specifically, you requested the following:

1. Total investment in the Garrison to Taft 500 kv transmission line facilities in Montana for the year ending 12/31/2005;
2. Total investment in the Townsend to Garrison 500 kv facilities (the Montana intertie) for the year ending 12/31/2005;
3. Total investment in the Hot Springs to Dworshak 500 kv transmission line system in Montana for the year ending 12/31/2005;
4. Total investment in the Taft to Bell 500 kv transmission line system in Montana for the year ending 12/31/2005;
5. Agreement between Bonneville Power Administration and Montana Colstrip Owners (Montana Intertie Agreement), contract no. DE-MS79-81BP90210.

Your request was received by our office on January 6, 2006, and has been logged in as FOIA #06-011. In your letter, you expressed a willingness to pay processing fees for your request.

Mr. John Quinata, manager of scheduling and estimating, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Quinata has 20 working days, until February 6, 2006, to provide a response. Should you have any questions, Mr. Quinata may be reached at Mail Stop TOE-TPP-4 or by calling 360-619-6639.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon
Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer



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Dear Ms. Gilmore:

I am writing regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request #06-011. We are unable to meet the initial deadline for completion of this FOIA request. As permitted by statute, we will take a ten working-day extension of time in which to respond to your request. The extension will also provide us with enough time to collect and complete the review process of the materials gathered in response to your FOIA request. The new due date for this FOIA is February 21, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503/230-7303. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer